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SUBJECT: W/W: TRAFFIC ACCIDENT OF U.S. TOUR GROUP

SUMMARY: TOUR BUS CARRYING FOURTEEN AMERICAN FROM ISTANBUL TO BURSA OVERTURNED SEPTEMBER 22. A NUMBER SUSTAINED BROKEN BONES AND OTHERS RECEIVED SEVERE BRUISES. THREE OF FOUR PERSONS HOSPITALIZED ARE IN SERIOUS CONDITION. END SUMMARY.

1. AFTERNOON OF SEPT. 22 TOUR BUS HIRED BY ISTANBUL AGENCY, BAYRAM TOURS, WAS SIDESWIPE BY ANOTHER VEHICLE. SIDESWIPE, ONCOMING TRUCK AND WET ROADS CAUSED DRIVER TO LOSE CONTROL OF BUS WHICH VEERED OFF HIGHWAY AND OVERTURNED. ABOARD BUS WERE FOURTEEN AMERICANS, THE DRIVER AND LOCAL TOUR GUIDE. ACCIDENT OCCURRED APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES EAST OF YALOVA IN PROVINCE OF BURSA. BUS WAS GOING FROM ISTANBUL TO IZMIR VIA CITY OF BURSA. ABOVE DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT OBTAINED BY CONOFF FROM PASSENGERS.

2. ALL PASSENGERS, DRIVER AND GUIDE TAKEN TO BURSA STATE HOSPITAL SAME DAY. ALL ABOARD BUS SUFFERED BRUISES AND A NUMBER OF THEM SUSTAINED MORE SERIOUS INJURIES.

3. MORNING OF SEPT. 23 CONOFF, FSL AND REPRESENTATIVE OF BAYRAM TOURS WENT TO BURSA AND SUCCESSFULLY ARRANGED FOR TRANSFER OF FOUR MORE SERIOUSLY INJURED PASSENGERS TO ADMIRAL BRISTOL HOSPITAL, ISTANBUL (TEL: 48 60 30) MR. JUEL SODERQUIST, GRACE MUDGETT, GERTRUDE BLUE AND SALI FRIEDMAN LATE SEPT 23. MRS. MUDGETT IS UNCLASSIFIED

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DEAF MUTE AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HUSBAND, ALSO DEAF, BUT ABLE TO

LIP READ AND SPEAK. PRELIMINARY DIAGNOSES OF SODERQUIST, FRIEDMAN AND BLUE INDICATE CHEST INJURIES WHICH ARE SERIOUS BUT STABLE AS OF THIS TIME. GRACE MUDGETT SUFFERING FROM SEVERE BRUISES. ALL FOUR WILL BE UNABLE TO FLY HOME FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS AND MR. MUDGETT PRESENTLY PLANS TO STAY WITH HIS WIFE.

4. OTHER NINE TOUR MEMBERS WITH LESS SEVERE INJURIES PLAN TO REST AT CELIK PALAS HOTEL, BURSA, UNTIL SEPT. 25 WHEN THEY WILL RETURN TO ISTANBUL TO CONTINUE RECUPERATING. THESE NIN PLAN TO LEAVE FOR NEW YORK ABOARD PREPLANNED PAA FLIGHT NUMBER 111 DEPARTING ISTANBUL SEPT. 27. BAYRAM TOURS NOW WORKING WITH PAS TO REARRANGE THEIR RETURN FLIGHTS. MRS. FRIEDMAN, TOUR LEADER, ALSO DIAGNOSED AS HAVING BROKEN SHOULDER AND COLLAR BONE.

5. AMONG TOUR GROUP IS DR. THOMAS DECECECIO, SPECIALIST IN INTERNAL MEDICINE. DR. DECECECIO ONLY SLIGHTLY BRUISED AND WAS ABLE TO GIVE FIRST AID AND TO ASSIST BURSA HOSPITAL DOCTORS. INFORMATION RE NATURE OF INJURIES GIVEN TO CONOFF BY DECECECIO. LACK OF PANIC AND HYSTERIA AMONG MOSTLY ELDERLY PASSENGERS DUE IN LARGE PART TO DR. DECECECIO'S ASSISTANCE AND CALMING INFLUENCE.

6. TOUR ORGANIZED BY GENERAL TOURS, 49 WEST 57TH ST., NEW YORK CITY, N.Y. 10019. BAYRAM TOURS CABLED GENERAL TOURS RE ACCIDENT AND GENERAL TOURS APPARENTLY HAS INFORMED NOK. (NIGHT OF SEPT. 23 CONOFF RECEIVED CALL FROM NEW YORK FROM MRS. BLUE'S HUSBAND AND SON. THEY STATED THEY HAD RECEIVED WORD OF ACCIDENT FROM GENERAL TOURS. MR. BLUE DUE TO ARRIVE ISTANBUL AFTERNOON SEPT. 24 VIA PAA FLIGHT NUMBER 2 FROM JFK.) DEPT CAN OBTAIN COMPLETE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF TOUR MEMBER FROM GENERAL TOURS. DR. DECECECIO SAID PERSON WHO WILL BE RETURNING SEPT. 27 ON ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED RETURN FLIGHT DO NOT WANT NOK NOTIFIED IN ORDER NOT TO FURTHER ALARM RELATIVES. GRACE MUDGETT'S HUSBAND AND MR. JUEL SODERQUIST'S WIFE ARE TOUR MEMBERS. NEITHER APPEAR TO HAVE SUSTAINED MORE THAN MINOR BRUISES.

7. CONGEN SENDING INTERESTED PARTY TELEGRAM TO MR. FRIEDMAN.

8. BAYRAM TOURS DOES NOT HAVE HOME ADDRESSES OF PASSENGERS NOT THEIR COMPLETE NAMES. INFORMATION PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS: TOUR MEMBERS: DR. AND MRS. THOMAS DECECECIO, 691 UNCLASSIFIED

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MRS. SALI FRIEDMAN (HUSBAND'S BUSINESS ADDRESS: FASSLBURG CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, SOUTH FALSBURG, N.Y. HOME PHONE: (914 4347720.

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